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Between 20 June and 10 July 1952 the North Korean government sent about 8,000 boys between the ages of 12 and 14 from Wonsan to the Soviet Union to be indoctrinated with Soviet culture through an intensive education program. Most of the boys came from poor homes and only volunteers were selected. The boys were transported by truck to Antung by way of P'yongyang and Sinuiju.

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